

## CLARKSVILLE WEEKLY CHRONICLE.

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The President vetoed four more private pension bills this week.

The General Assembly of the Cumberland Presbyterian Church has been in session in Sedalia, Mo., this week. The next Assembly will meet in Covington, Ky.

The action of the General Conference this week on the liquor question is the most important temperance movement of the times. When the Methodist church puts its big foot right square down on a thing, the thing is likely to feel it.

EX-ALDERMAN JAEHNE, of New York, now serving a term in the penitentiary, called the aldermen who refused to accept bribes, duds. He learned the epithet from the machine politicians, who apply it to those who don't agree to their way of running things.

The Memphis Avalanche thinks Alf Taylor has the Republican gubernatorial nomination secure. This seems to have come from a compact between Taylor and Roderick Random Butler, Taylor having allowed Butler to be nominated for Congress in the first district.

DR. F. O. YOUNG, of Lexington, Ky., is serving a term in jail rather than tell the Grand Jury the name of a young girl of good family who gave birth to an illegitimate child. Dr. Young is a hero. It is more honor to be in jail under such circumstances than to go to Congress.

The National Review denominated one of its East Tennessee backwoods Republican contemporaries "bright and ever watchful," because it published a news paragraph that had grown old in the patent outside. That is a specimen of the Republican progressiveness of which the Review boasts.

DR. KELLY, of Nashville, read a letter before the General Conference Monday from China, which portends serious trouble with the missionaries there, unless a more considerate regard be shown the Chinese in this country. The celestial don't understand how the religion of love accords with the practices of the people who profess it.

The American's arguments against the Blair bill have about simmered down to this: The Secretary of State is to decide whether or not the money is properly appropriated by the States, and that amounts to Federal control. Such reasoning don't need to be combated; it is not strong enough to stand alone, and falls from its own weakness.

AN East Tennessee paper borrowed the cuts the Nashville American made of the prominent citizens of Clarksville, and published them as exact likenesses of the Chicago anarchists. 'Twas the universal opinion of the readers of the paper that they were a bad looking lot and ought to be hung on general principles.

A YOUNG German has started a paper in Lawrenceburg, in which he undertakes to teach the good citizens of Lawrence county that it is un-progressive and un-American to be a Democrat. It is not surprising that some of these same citizens regard the imported apostle of Republicanism a little cheeky, and are disposed to resent his affront.

SOME of the Kentucky papers are inquiring the cause of General Buckner's boom for Governor. They say he has no record as a statesman, military chieftain or Democratic leader, and ask what it is that commends him for the position. It seems to take a yellow fever record or a Duluth speech to make a man Governor in Kentucky.

IN spite of the mandate of the Powers to disarm, Greece has kept her soldiers in the field, and during the past week there have been actual hostilities on the Turkish frontier. The Turks captured a town named Contra, which was retaken by the Greeks. The Turks were repulsed at Crizavovo. Many have been killed on both sides. The Greek general, Loris, was mortally wounded. An armistice has been concluded, and at last accounts all was quiet.

OUR esteemed contemporary, the Obion Democrat, is refreshing the public with some new and original poetical selections. The last one began, "I am dying, Egypt, dying," or words to that effect. This is to be followed by "Janet's Hair," and a startling piece which a Kentucky genius has just turned out entitled, "The Moneyless Man." We can even entertain the delightful conjecture that, unless an unappreciative public arise en masse and kill the Democrat's poetical editor, it will some day bring out an entrancing literary surprise called "The Beautiful Snow."

## A FAIR WARNING.

"Now when the year grows senescent,  
And sundials are hinting at June,"

the days of college commencements and college boy orations are at hand.

Some of the young gentlemen of the S. W. P. University are probably busy in the preparation of their prize speeches, or rather orations which they hope will capture the awarding committee and carry off the medal to be given for the best effort. The CHRONICLE has been accused of undue harshness in the comments it has made on such speeches in the past, unjustly so we think. The object of this paper has been to speak plainly and impartially, avoiding the platitudinal praise that is so generally bestowed on such productions. If it has not always commended, the reason was that some speeches were not sufficiently meritorious to justify compliment, and its censure has ever been friendly criticism, which the speaker should appreciate more than untruthful laudation.

However that be, the CHRONICLE expects to continue in the course it has heretofore pursued, and it now gives the ambitious collegians fair warning that it don't intend to say a word that is good about any of their speeches unless such is deserved, and on the other hand, it expects to speak openly and plainly of their shortcomings and demerits.

If the young orators will avoid some of the most glaring defects common to school boy speeches, we think they will escape not only the CHRONICLE's censure, but that of the intelligent public. We say intelligent public, because most anything uttered is apt to draw commendation from some source. Sentimental ladies are given to rapture over florid fustian such as is found in "Heady's Sacred Mountain," and often exclaim of such tumid stuff, "Oh it is so pretty; just too beautiful, I declare!"

Other people like to be mystified and think the young man who "expresses himself in terms too deep for me," is a prodigy and a thinker of immense power.

There are still others who are impressed with a display of rare bits of learning, and when the speaker pours out a flood of references to obscure historical events, they are quick to assert "he is so smart," not considering the application of said references to the matter in question. Such praise we don't think is to be much valued, and is not the kind that our young college friends should hope to win.

One of the most common faults of the school boy orator is his attempt to tell all he knows. He goes through the ages and touches up the great epochs. A large per cent. of the speeches of this kind we have listened to, made reference to the creation, the deluge, Moses, the dawn of the Christian era, the great reformation, the American revolution, and our late war between the States. An old fashion was to dilate on ancient empires and the great men of the past, but the school boy partiality for Greece and Rome has been so much criticised that it is a very dull fellow who don't now avoid that line.

Another fault of the commencement orator is the selection of a deep subject that it would puzzle a savant to treat properly. Thus in an effort to appear overwise, he makes the reverse impression from that intended.

An orator should by no means run through the whole catalogue of his historical knowledge for the mere purpose of displaying what he knows, but school boy orators nevertheless very frequently do.

We do not believe there was a speech made at the commencement last year that did not contain the word *vast*, and in some of the orations it occurred with painful iteration. This denoted a tendency to dwell on things incomprehensibly grand and great, that was a little bombastic, to say the least.

But the greatest danger to the school boy is his tendency to attitudinize as a prose poet. He endeavors to dress all his ideas in florid language and delights in rolling out resonant periods. He is much on metaphor, but rarely ever catches on to an original specimen of that figure. If we were in the mood for giving advice, we would admonish the students who are preparing speeches to run through their manuscripts when they are finished and strike out every thing they think particularly fine or pretty.

An oration on a good, live subject, sensibly, plainly and exhaustively treated, sans too much sentiment, pedantry and superfluous display, ought to take the medal. It will certainly bear off the pennant of that opinion that should be most prized.

DR. D. F. WRIGHT, of this city, has an excellent article in the current number of the Board of Health Bulletin on "Milk." It is the second of a series of articles on "The Chemistry of Food and its Adulterations." The article, while showing great learning and scientific research, has much that will interest the general reader. The Board of Health made an appropriation to enable the doctor to make experiments, and he will treat the subject further in a future article.

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### A BRIDGE AT MEMPHIS.

Congressman Zack Taylor has introduced a bill authorizing the construction of a railway bridge across the Mississippi river at Memphis by the Kansas City & Memphis railroad and the Bridge Company. It is understood that the company propose, if the bill is passed this session, to begin preliminary work this summer and push the bridge to completion as soon as possible. The bridge is to be sixty feet above the extreme high water mark, with two main spans five hundred and fifty feet long; is to be open to use by all railway companies on payment of proper rates therefor, and may be also a toll bridge for foot passengers and teams if the company desire. It is estimated that the work of building this bridge will be a very difficult one, and in value the expenditure of many millions of dollars. If such a bridge is ever completed, Memphis will straightway become the great Southern metropolis, and take the front rank that its superior geographical position has always entitled it to, but out of which adverse fortune and untoward circumstances have heretofore defrauded it.

### RACE MORTALITY.

The State Board of Health Bulletin for the past month shows that the rate per thousand of deaths among the whites in Chattanooga was 19.20, colored 36.00; Knoxville, white 8.25, colored 30.00; Memphis, white 15.51, colored 29.29; Nashville, white, 9.67, colored 27.75. These figures reveal several interesting facts. One is the relative healthfulness of the cities named, but more important, the relative mortality of the races. The number of deaths among the colored people was twice as great in Memphis and Chattanooga as among the whites, three times as great in Nashville, and nearly four times as great in Knoxville. These figures are only a repetition of the mortuary statistics that have been gathered over the entire South since the war, and doubtless show that there was some defect in the census returns which made it appear that the negro increases faster than the whites.

The Methodists of the North have always accounted themselves somewhat holier than their brethren of the South on account of their record on the slavery question. The Southern Methodists have had the boldness to put a condemnation of the liquor traffic in their discipline, and if those of the North can't come up to that mark, it will not do for them to vaunt any more about a higher plain of morality.

The following Washington special to the Memphis Avalanche seems to indicate that there is yet hope for bringing the Blair bill before the House this session in spite of the attempt to smother it: "Willie thinks the prospect of the Educational bill is better now than ever before. Miller of Texas, who has hitherto been a stubborn opponent of the measure, is now willing to bring into

the House, on his own responsibility, a bill which embodies all the essential principles. A resolution will be offered in the House fixing a day to discuss the Educational bill. It will be referred to the Committee on Labor, and which committee, Willis says, will report the resolution favorably and move to fix a day."

The Memphis Avalanche of May 28th says: "Judge Horace H. Lurton, of Clarksville, a prominent and leading candidate for the Supreme bench from the Middle division, reached the city yesterday afternoon. He will spend today here. Judge Lurton occupies a strong position at the bar, and he has developed immense strength in all divisions of the State. We cordially commend him to the delegates elected yesterday."

The Presbyterian General Assembly at Augusta has decided that Adam, according to the Scripture, was made out of the dust of the earth by a direct act of the Almighty, and not evolved from a protoplasm, as Dr. Woodrow would teach.

The Nashville Banner says: "Hon. Horace H. Lurton, of Clarksville, is undoubtedly one of the strongest candidates for the Supreme bench in the State. He is recognized as one of the best and most capable lawyers in Tennessee, and a gentleman of irreproachable character."

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